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Top 3 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings FROM THE PREVIOUS 7 days.

1. On Saturday 4 May 2019, the BS&L hosted the 44<sup>th</sup> annual Hudson Valley Regional Special Olympics at West Point. The event is entirely planned, resourced, and executed by a staff of cadets from Omicron Delta Kappa, the Management Program's leadership honor society. This year, over 1000 athletes competed in over 150 events.
2. On May 8<sup>th</sup>, the BS&L's Management Program inducted 22 new members into its honor society, Omicron Delta Kappa. In addition, key members of the Special Olympics Committee received the annual Andrew R. Houghton Achievement in Service Awards. Congratulations to all of our cadets who were honored!

DEPARTMENT: Chemistry & Life Science

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Top 3-5 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings UPCOMING in the next 30 days.

1. 24 MAY: CLS will hold the Department Awards Ceremony for the Class of 2019 Graduates @ 1400 in the Class of 1985 Auditorium.

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1. CLS faculty served as judges in two events: LTC Chi Nguyen at the regional eCybermission competition for 9th grade projects, and LTC Chi Nguyen and Dr. Kevin O'Donovan at the 26th Annual Tri-County Science & Technology Fair. eCybermission is a web-based science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) competition for students in grades six through nine that promotes self-discovery and enables students to recognize the real-life applications of STEM. The Tri-County Science & Technology Fair is the only regional fair in Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam Counties that offers opportunities for elementary, middle and high school to present their work.
2. CLS and Keller Army Community Hospital (KACH) hosted a Premedical Branching Banquet for the Class of 2019 in the Regimental Room of Cadet Mess. Among the speakers in attendance to celebrate and further educate the aspiring 19 future physicians, as well as more than 20 of their peers from '20 and '21, were Drs. Don Blakeslee and Alan Beitler, COL Marshall Malinowski (Deputy Commander for Clinical Services, KACH), COL Brett Venable (Commander, KACH), Dr. J. Kenneth Wickiser (Life

Science Program Director), and COL F. John Burpo (Department Head, CLS). Planned and executed by the OICs of the West Point Premedical Society, Majors Jeremy Hershfield and Armand Balboni, the banquet also featured each cadet receiving their Medical Corps branch insignia, their Army Medical Department regimental crest, and a slice of cake!

3. On Projects Day, CLS hosted several researchers from civilian and DoD organizations, such as Mount Sinai Medical Center, Picatinny Arsenal, and Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, to facilitate judging more than 150 projects from Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, and Life Science majors. Cadets winning in poster categories were Sarah Schwarzman and Luke Eckstein (Chemical Engineering), Kenji Onaka (Chemistry), and Katelynn Gross and Hunter Whitney (Life Science); CDT Whitney was also the inaugural Science Art award winner. Later that day, CLS staff, faculty, and family defeated a Firsties team of CLS majors in its annual softball game, 18-16, before collectively celebrating the coming close of the academic year with a catered BBQ event.

DEPARTMENT: Civil and Mechanical Engineering

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Top 3-5 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings UPCOMING in the next 30 days.

1. CME Cadet awards will take place at 1300 on 24 May.
2. CME Department Farewell will take place at 1830 on 10 May at the West Point Museum.
3. CME Faculty awards will take place at 1300 on 10 May

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1. On 2 May CME conducted Project Day activities at the Holleder Center.
2. The first annual airfoil design competition took place this term in ME387 – Introduction to Applied Aerodynamics. Using knowledge gained from course concepts, 20 cadet teams of two were charged with improving the airfoil cross-section of the department's Cessna-182 airplanes (the NACA 2412 airfoil).
3. On 8 May MAJ Joe Cymerman hosted a brown bag luncheon on "Dynamically Teaching Dynamics."

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Top 3-5 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings UPCOMING in the next 30 days.

1. On May 19, the Steuben Society of America will celebrate its Centennial in the West Point Club Ballroom. This event will celebrate the society's establishment in 1919. The Cadet guest of honor will be CDT James Pontius, recipient of the Class of 2019 Steuben Award, honoring his achievement in German Studies. Guest Speakers for the event will be MG Donald E. Jackson Jr., Deputy Inspector General, and Boris Ruge, Deputy Chief of Mission of the German Embassy in Washington D.C.
2. COL Gregory will lead five rising Yearlings to Beijing, PRC for intensive language and cultural immersion on an AIAD from May 26 to June 15.
3. On May 26, eight Cadets will depart USMA for Rochefort, France for a three-week intensive French course hosted by the French Gendarmerie.
4. Six Cadets will travel to Germany to participate in a three-week intensive cross-cultural program from May 26 to June 14, during which they will conduct physical training, marksmanship and field training, and garrison operations with units of the *Bundeswehr* (German Army). The 393<sup>rd</sup> Panzer Battalion and the 1<sup>st</sup> Jager Battalion will host the Cadets in Bad Frankenhausen (near Leipzig) and Schwarzenborn (near Frankfurt) respectively, where Cadets will have the chance to greatly improve their knowledge of Germany and German Army operations, including their competence in speaking, listening, and overall comprehension of the German language. Their experiences will undoubtedly enhance both their professional growth as future Officers and help maintain the outstanding relationships we have with the Germany Army and greater German community.

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1. Dr. Olivier Tonnerre (French) and COL Mark Gagnon (German) were selected for promotion to the rank of Associate Professor.
2. Cadets participating in the German-language Semester Abroad Program just returned from spending a semester at the Helmut Schmidt University in Hamburg and the German Armed Forces University in Munich. The Cadets capped off this experience by embedding in German Army units for a three-week immersion program similar to CTLT. CDTs Nicholas Ghichlian and Jonathan Lowe visited a signal battalion near Berlin. CDTs Michael Tierney and Wesley Bayles visited an attack helicopter regiment near Kassel. CDTs Andrew Carter and Justin Cooper visited a mechanized infantry battalion

near Hannover, and CDTs Sarah Morrow and Michael Avallone visited the Rapid Forces Division headquarters near Frankfurt.

DEPARTMENT: G&EnE

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Top 3-5 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings UPCOMING in the next 30 days.

1. On 18 May, cadets from the Engineers and Scientists for a Sustainable World (ESSW) will pitch in with a local Scout Troop and West Point's Arborist to plant nearly 500 sapling trees along Ruger Road. The event will happen on a Saturday, and ESSW Cadets who are still on post are excited to help out after their Term Ends are complete
2. Next week (21 May) kicks off the return of EV399A, the Geology Field Course, after a 13-year hiatus. Eight Cadets will start the classroom portion of the for-credit AIAD and then move to the US Air Force Academy after graduation to do the remaining two weeks of the field course. We are excited to be conducting the course on the 50th anniversary of Geology as an academic course at West Point (first established in 1969). During the field course we will engage with Air Force Academy faculty and do a joint field mapping exercise with students taking their own field course from Eastern Michigan University. The course is led by LTC Ben Wallen and LTC Mindy Kimball.
3. On 21 May, two faculty members and family of G&EnE will attend the EELEBRATION at the Fall Kill eel project site near the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum pavilion in Poughkeepsie. This is an annual event to recognize and thank the citizen scientists who have been doing research and work to conserve the American eel. Dr. Patrick Baker has been participating in this research and incorporated cadets into the research, with hopes of greater participation in future years.

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1. On 10 May, the Cadet Brigade Energy & Environment Officer (E2O), CDT Patrick Caughey, together with the G&EnE faculty advisor, LTC Mindy Kimball, interviewed nine candidates for next year's Brigade E2O position. The candidates were all very competitive and included Cadets from many different academic majors (and two international Cadets). The recommendations were submitted to the Cadet Chain of Command for the Brigade Tactical Department to make the final decision.
2. From 13-16 May, MAJ Luke Plante and CPT(P) Erick Martinez attended the Association of Environmental Engineering & Science Professors (AEESP) Research and Education Conference in Phoenix, AZ. At the conference MAJ Plante presented his paper titled

“Re-engineering the Nitrogen Cycle: A Novel Biological Approach to Conserve Ammonium from Pre-nitrified Waste Streams in the Built Environment”.

3. On 15 May, the G&EnE Ultimate Frisbee Team defeated DPE to become the winners of the Double Elimination Tournament of Ultimate Frisbee. They were victorious after coming back from a 6-point deficit to win with a final score of 10-9.

DEPARTMENT: Mathematical Sciences

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Top 3-5 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings UPCOMING in the next 30 days.

1. On 24 May, The Department of Mathematical Sciences will host its annual end of academic year award ceremony. Mathletes that accomplished outstanding academic achievement in mathematics are formally recognized in front of their families and invited guest.

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1. From 3 April – 13 May, D/Math MAJ Bryan Jonas, MAJ Bryan Adams, and MAJ Steve Morse put together training on Distributed Computing for faculty within the Department of Mathematical Sciences and the Department of Systems Engineering. The training allowed 10 officers within D/MATH and 1 officer within DSE to meet the requirements for the “Data Scientist” Additional Skill Identifier and subsequently to be recognized by the Army as trained Data Scientists.

DEPARTMENT: Physics and Nuclear Engineering

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Top 3-5 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings UPCOMING in the next 30 days.

1. On 24 May, the Department of Physics and Nuclear Engineering will hold an award ceremony recognizing the departments top performers in the major, to include conferring the distinguished LTG Leslie R. Groves award, which is presented to the cadet with the most outstanding performance in Nuclear Engineering.
2. The Department of Physics and Nuclear Engineering will be sending 52 cadets on AIADs this summer.

3. During 7-11 July, Dr. Daniel Schultz will attend the Health Physics Society Meeting in Orlando, FL. He will be presenting "The Adventures of a Health Physicist in Nuclear Medicine as a Patient".

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1. On 10 May, the retirement and advancement ceremony of Edward P. Naessens, Jr. took place at Cullum Hall with nearly 350 in attendance. BG(R) Naessens served 38 years on active duty to our Nation. He and his wife, Marie will retire to North Carolina.
2. At the CTE annual awards ceremony, members of the House of PANE took home two awards for teaching excellence. The team of MAJ Jacob Capps, MAJ Gabriel Lucero, MAJ Cathleen Barker, and COL Corey Gerving were presented the Apgar Award for Teaching Excellence for their project entitled "T21- The Thayer Method for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century". MAJ Jill Rahon was awarded the Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence, an award presented for outstanding teaching to a member of the junior faculty.
3. The Department of Physics and Nuclear Engineering held two departing award ceremony's this week. LTC Jim Trimble, MAJ/P Jake Capps, MAJ Tommy Halverson, MAJ Nate Kaminski, MAJ Gabe Lucero, MAJ Jill Rahon, and CPT/P Mike Meier were all awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for their superior service while assigned to the United States Military Academy.

DEPARTMENT: Social Sciences

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DATE: Week of 13 May 2019

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1. 30 May: **The CTC** is hosting a group of high school students from **The Beacon School in New York City**. The students are studying terrorism and will receive a series of briefings on the CTC and its terrorism research and will tour West Point.
2. 4-6 June: **Mr. Brian Dodwell and Dr. Daniel Milton** of the CTC will attend the FBI's fifth annual Homegrown Violent Extremism Counterterrorism Practitioners Conference. **Dr. Milton will present on a panel on Analyzing the Recent Trends of Terrorism in the Homeland.**
3. 4-6 June: The **CTC visits the National Intelligence Council** to brief intelligence analysts on the latest developments on the Islamic State in the Afghanistan and Pakistan region. The engagement includes a follow-up question and answer session.

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1. 8 May: **CTC Associate Seth Loertscher** spoke at a hostage-taking conference in London sponsored by Hostage International and hosted by the United Kingdom's Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The conference, attended by 200 government officials and members of Hostage International and other aid organizations, focused on both responding to kidnappings and supporting the families of those kidnapped. Mr. Loertscher's presentation, during a panel on kidnapping trends, **discussed the threat of terrorist kidnappings in the Sahel region of Africa.**
2. 9 May: **Dr. Scott Silverstone, Dr. Robert Person, and CPT Michael Robinson** participated as discussants in the Modern War Institute's Workshop on Grand Strategy at West Point's Cullum Hall. Topics covered by these members of the SOSH International Affairs faculty included *Debates over Grand Strategy*, *Do States Pursue Grand Strategy and Does it Matter?* and *Grand Strategy and Civil-Military Relations*.
3. 13 May: **SOSH Assistant Professors MAJ Kerney Perlik, MAJ Sarah Gerstein, MAJ Zach Griffiths, and MAJ Brian Vaeni** were honored at the Dean's Academic Luncheon as graduates of the Master Teacher Program. These four officers represent the American Politics and International Affairs programs with the department.

DEPARTMENT: WPWP

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Top 3 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings FROM THE PREVIOUS 7 days.

1. On Monday, 13MAY19, Dr. Colleen Eils (Associate Director, WPWP) was recognized for her service at the Dean's Academic Luncheon. Dr. Eils was presented the 2019 Dean's Award for Service and Cadet Development Excellence in recognition of her "outstanding performance in the service domain and immeasurable contributions to the development of leaders of character."
2. The Mounger Writing Center closed out a very successful year with 55 Cadet Writing Fellows and 4 Postgraduate Writing Fellows serving 1256 appointments for 549 unique clients over the course of AY19. This level of service represents over 1050 contact hours and marks a 24% increase over AY18's appointment numbers and a 15% increase in clientele. More than 98% of clients said they found their consultations helpful or very helpful, and a similar number reported feeling more confident about their writing project as a result of their sessions. The WPWP looks forward to building on this success next year as we welcome 45 brand-new CWFs into the Writing Fellows Program for AY20!